

Community Connection Session

Wednesday 12 December 2018

Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi

I. Presentation Topic: 3.00pm

Local impact of Climate Change

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Michael Nugent & Aileen Benning - Residents

Notes:

- Local residents concerned about climate change/global warming.
- Causing destructive weather patterns and sea surges affecting our coastline – evidence in photos of Inverloch/Anderson Inlet coastline (2014 & 2017) and Inverloch Surf Beach (2012 until 2018)
- How will this effect social, environmental, economic & tourism in years to come.
- This is the moral issue of our time and Council can be leaders in making changes to mitigate climate change by:
 1. Involving the people of Bass Coast directly
 - Provide information
 - Seek feedback
 2. Setting up an advisory panel
 - Local people with diverse backgrounds
 3. Being clear it is not just an environmental issue
 - Include climate in all Council meeting reports
 4. Preparing an impact assessment
 - What, where, when, who, how, how much
 - Mitigation and adaptation
 - Council and community

Actions:

- Noted by Council

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Does an Officer need to follow up and/or respond? No

Background paper/presentation received? Yes Permission to load on website? Yes

2. Presentation Topic: 3.15pm

Road conditions of Tulloch Street, Dalyston

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Barry Cocks - resident

Notes:

- Residents of Tulloch Street have a number of issues they wish Council to be aware of and to take action on.
- Residents have problems with dust from the unsealed road - people cannot open windows, some suffer from asthma and the dust is causing issues for them.
- Cloverdale development in the fields parallel to Tulloch Street causing more problems with dust – have sought advice from Environment Protection Authority who have given options - met with Council officers on December 5 and there has been water spraying twice since then to suppress the dust. Suggest Council discuss with the Developer of Cloverdale Estate.
- Another issue with Tulloch Street being the only exit/entry to the Cloverdale Estate – there needs to be another access/egress option for the Estate, with 150 extra residences, particularly in the event of an emergency.
- Heavy vehicles are causing issues with dust and speed. There are no footpaths for pedestrians and large culvert drains. One known incident of a student falling into a drain to get out of the way of a truck. Suggestion that the speed is reduced to less than 25km to reduce dust and that this is monitored by Council Rangers.
- There is inadequate lighting along Tulloch Street and the adjoining Bent Street is in complete darkness at night. There is no safe area for walking at night.
- All school buses use Tulloch Street to access Powlett River Primary School via Bent Street – this is a blind corner. Suggestion that Council approach schools and bus lines to discuss other options for bus routes.
- There is concern at the speed vehicles currently drive down Tulloch Street. This is likely to increase once the road is sealed – suggested that speed limit be considered for safety of residents and pedestrians.
- Petition going to 19 December Council Meeting

Actions:

- Mr Cocks informed that the Cloverdale Estate Developer will be sealing Tulloch St 3/2019.
- Mr Cocks informed that the petition from residents is included in 12/12 Council Meeting.

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Infrastructure Officers are liaising with Developers to ensure dust suppression measures are undertaken during construction of the subdivision.

3. Presentation Topic: 3.30pm

Albert Ruttle Wetlands update

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Peter Cook on behalf of Residents and Friends of Ruttle Estate

Notes:

- Mr Cook showed Councillors a copy of the original (1993) development plan for Ruttle Lane, Inverloch – this had 30 building allotments and a common open space reserve of 8.7ha (14% of the development). Subsequently a subdivision plan was lodged with the Titles Office allocating 32 Lots, including Lots 28 and 29 as “Open space in private ownership”. There was two Lots 28 and Lots 29 including those under dispute.
- In 1996 a Section 173 agreement on Lot 28 placed a covenant in relation to the “Open space” being used as communal space (8% of the development). No such agreement was done in respect to Lot 29.
- In June 2000 Council reinforced the requirement for 14% communal space but did not place a Section 173 agreement on Lot 29.
- Since that time Lot 29 has become a “Rural Zone” and as such the planning controls have changed.
- The developer has gained by knowingly not providing the full 14% “Open space in private ownership”
- There is now no access to the bird hide and some of the wetlands.
- There is tension amongst the neighbours, with restraining orders being issued for trespass. This is a waste of police time and fracturing the community.
- A mistake has been made by BCSC and needs resolution.
- Council officers have stated the condition of the permit is “spent” – no longer enforceable
- Suggestion made by Mr Cook that the Councillors look at two cases in relation to the Planning Act that show this sort of planning requirement can be enforced:

Benedetti v Moonee Valley City Council, 2005 in the Supreme Court of Victoria VSC 434
Bayside CC v Sullivan & Ors 2000 in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal VCAT 672,

Actions:

- Noted by Councillors
- Officers are aware that there are a number of civil matters/disputes occurring within the estate with the land owner of lots 28 and 29 taking proceedings against individuals for trespassing on their property.

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Background paper/presentation received? No

4. Presentation Topic: 3.45pm

Single Use Plastic Free Policy (adopted 21 November 2018) – Impact on balloon business

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Luke Geddes – Business owner – Luke & Kim face painting and balloon twisting

Notes:

- Luke and Kim have been running their face painting and balloon twisting business for the last 10 years and employ 13 people.
- Concerned about BCSC Single Use Plastic Free Policy and the banning of balloons.
- Banning balloons outright will impact on businesses that use latex balloons.
- Latex balloons are completely biodegradable – these are the balloons used by Luke and Kim's business.
- Composting of latex balloons can take six months (orange peel takes longer)
- The issue environmentalists have are with helium balloons (the ones that float through the air and can land in the waterways/oceans) or shaped balloons. Both types are made of Mylar – a metalized plastic film that does not disintegrate.
- Environmentalists are running a very active and aggressive campaign online against all balloons, shutting down balloon companies.
- Clean Up Australia Day produces so few balloons that there is no category for them.
- Luke and Kim requesting of Council that they do not ban all balloons, only those that are plastic, not latex.

Actions:

- Noted by Councillors

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Background paper/presentation received? No

5. Presentation Topic: 4.00pm

Waterdale Estate, Dalyston and also the accumulation of rubbish at the recreation reserve

Name of person/s and/or organisation presenting:

Graeme and Vicki Eva and Wally – residents

Cr Tessari declared an Interest, as his business is dealing with the development, and left the Chambers.

Cr Rothfield took the Chair.

Notes:

- Mr Eva informed Councillors of their concern regarding the next Stage of the Waterdale Estate Development.
- There is already flooding during the winter from run off and issues with an inadequate drainage plan. Additional development could create more flooding and the stormwater from the new Cloverdale Estate across Bass Highway will also contribute to the run off.
- There appears to be no drainage works in Stage I of Cloverdale Estate.
- Residents have placed submissions with Council regarding the next Stage of Waterdale Estate
- They are also concerned about high density housing and one entry/exit into the estate, particularly with more housing planned.
- Developer can also improve passive recreation area – the reason they bought.

Actions:

The Development Plan will be considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on the 19 December 2018.

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